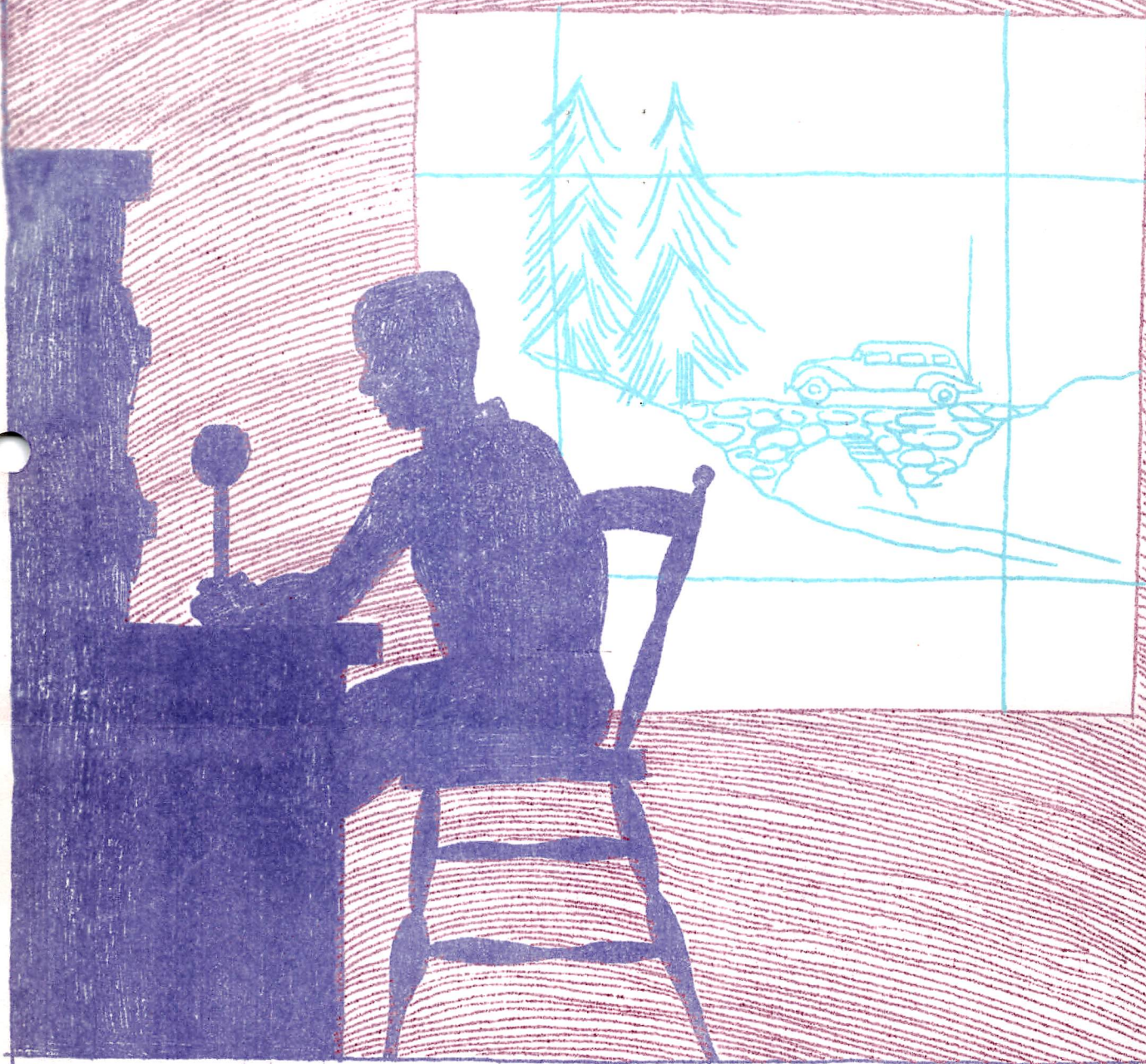


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NEXT MEETING - Cassidy School, between 65th & 66th on Lansdowne, West Phila.

DATE - First Monday of the month, January 3, 1955, at 8 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS - Prizes donated by Resco and the club - more coax fittings fellers.

PROGRAM - As announced.

VISITORS AT THE LAST MEETING - W3DD, W3SAE, W3UKJ (Lina), W3KCG, Roy Dannehower-Pottstown, Penna.

New MEMBERS - W3SAE and W3CHZ

THE LATEST SCOOP - We presume you all recognized a new television personality at our last meeting. W3DD made the one eyed monster in Don Bennett's program "The B Idea". Tom demonstrated an electronic devise for use by the blind which changes distance information into pulses on the fingers of the users hand. Should be good material for a lecture at our meeting Tom - if you will indulge. ---W3EDI complains the regular meetings are too wrapped up in business and not enuf glad handing and just plain yaking - 'fraid you have a point there Tom. ---Sorry to be late this month - the usual holiday rush you know. Last minute buying for Santa Claus, cards, visitors, parties etc. filled the bill in usual fashion. If the truth were known however ED took the day that was scheduled for the blurb and put his new rig in the heap - W3DSG hasn't fully recovered from the shock. ---Get a load of our fine slate of new officers for the year of 1955 at the top of the page. The retiring group is due a sincere vote of thanks for all the swell work they have done in 1954. There have been many profound accomplishments for which the gang can be very grateful. The most important is probably the high plane of interest of every member of the club in all its activities and operations. Thanks again to Paul, Frenchie, Spence and Ernie.--- We had many complaints last issue on slow delivery - some was suspected of going to England and back, others were suspected of taking a slow boat etc. but the truth was some post office employee found the mailing to be a few grams over the limit and it therefore went second class mail in all the Christmas rush etc. The blurb staff looks upon this all as a backhanded compliment - you all must have missed your monthly wall paper.

We are very sorry to announce the passing of Mrs. Dickinson (Mrs. W3AAG). She always had a smile and a good word for the club. This is one of the most difficult things ever printed in this paper Dick - Our deepest sympathy.

W4JQS is studying art at the Penna. Academy of Fine Arts. You will note the fine 'frontspiece' this month, for which the gang is grateful John. We have another artist in our group - he studies gas pumps.--- W3OK announced the council is out S. Not an unusual condition around this time of the year for anyone - however

the various clubs are going to the rescue. Jay received his due reward for all his fine efforts in winning the Almo Snow Award. One of the gang gave him a present of a bottle of Champagne - W3LNQ was accused of trying to buy the election, Hi Frank. Indidentally the plastic cups Frank gave away at the annual banquet make a fine weather shield for the coaxial antenna. Frank didn't know there was a parts replacement business in his line of plastic goods. --- In the usual housecleaning a place was made vacant for W3CHZ/mm, Walt Koch by name. Walt sails on the SS Atlantic Traveler. He brings our membership up to its full compliment once again. Glad to have you Walt - call in any time to Philly, the gang will be happy to relay your traffic. Ed Becker is also a new member of our happy fraternity. He hails from Conshohocken way. Welcome Ed. --- W3SAI has plastic tubing (spagetti) for anyone who wants it. John and his better half run a nursing (rest) home - guess where the tubing is from. Who was it said the club ought to sponsor Legal Beagle Burton to Carolyn's rest home. Carolyn is incidently an osteopath - gad. A few of the group had the pleasure of meeting the W3SAI's at Operation Xray. To explain - For all the hard work Eleanor (W3IW's boss) has done on the blurb this last year, the club gave her a token of their appreciation. A gang got together on the sly and were to surprise them, however, things went afoul as they usually do in surprises and the gang caught Bob and Eleanor painting the front room of the house - 'twas a real surprise to say the least for the gang as well as the Iw's. We have to apologize to all the committee gals who performed such a helpful assist in all the club's activities this last year. However this business of typing a finish copy, handling addresses and mailing every month takes on the color of a job rather than a helping hand. If you have ever been over to El's place about 11 or 12 pm the nite before the mailing you will see what we mean. Many thanks Eleanor for the helping hand. (The ole man- he can go to pot - he belongs to the club) --- We wish to start a rumor that the FCC is checking logs. Is yours in snape? --- We sure have a mess identifying three characters in the club, W3SAI, W3SAE, W3SAA - what a fouled up affair. --- W3IM is reported to be running a body and fender shop in his spare time (low rates too) ask W3QZO). --- Indidentally Bob is awaiting the xtal sets to end all - he has a new Collins receiver on the way. Bob is going to have to borrow the club crystal set, currently in PXY's possession to listen to the freq. with twisting knobs. Good policy Bob, get all your gear afore you get married - later is never. Bob and ED were beating around the thots of the olden days in 1946 when you could buzz up a west coaster on the mobile like using a land line. Seems to us now is the time to give the present methods of operation on Channel 1 a little thought. A planning committee is in order to study the situation and come up with recommendations on future operating channels for the club. The process of evolution is slow - it will take 3-4 years to revamp gear - operating practices etc. and about that time DX will be upon us (JOY). Note CQ this last month - the curve showing sunspot activity and you can see conditions are on the way up. The low propagation period occured about 6 months ago. The good ole days of England on 6 meters, Alaska on 10, KP4s all over the dial, Australia either way around on 20 meters, are due back again - don't despair, but we had better plan for them. Guidance, in a direction we all can look is in order in new rig building and planning. --- Hy W3WNC announced he was a Christmas baby - in the year of our Lord 1911. He was graciously accepting all gratuities. --- W3OWK says all the boys were bashful in accepting W3NIP's offer of resistors. You remember the saga of the 82,000 ohm resistors - Chuck had them by the bushel load and couldn't get rid of them. Since then the boys have found out you can parallel two of them and get 41,000 ad-infinatum. Tis amazing how one can catch on to this new fangled electronics craze that is sweeping the country. Like the horse, we believe it is here to stay. --- Spence is building an autocall, how many others are interested? --- The club is sponsoring a new contest - this one to end all --- WAPZ---(Work All Postal Zones) hi. A Mc Carthyite minority in the club is going to censure W3D3G for having Dollar Sign eyes. His friend is W3VXN. Bill is a private Photog and reports in to the freq. at the most gosh awful hours from his mobile. His favorite expression is "Been to the Bank" so you know he is really

washing it away. When someone comes on the freq. and opens up with "Wats developin' Bill" there is more to it than meets the eye. You see Bill has an intercom extension down in his dark room where he's busy developing a beautiful blond or something like that there. Reminds us of the expression of Russ's "Any brains washed today Doc?" 'tis more than meets the eye behind these choice bits.

In case you have been somewhere you don't want the wife to know about just tell her "Been to the Bank". ---W3QZP has a fine report of everything heard from Mount Penn near Reading, Penna. on Dec. 5th. A distance of approx. 60 miles.

<u>STRONG</u> <u>W3IKA</u>	<u>GOOD</u> <u>W3JGB</u>	<u>FAIR</u> <u>W3KHF</u>	<u>IN THE</u> <u>W3TVG</u>	<u>COULD HAVE</u> <u>W3VKN</u>
<u>W3NIP</u>	<u>W3QZO</u>	<u>W3OJE</u>	<u>NOISE</u> <u>W3QIR</u>	<u>COPIED OK</u> <u>W3WJN</u>
<u>W3QCH</u>	<u>W3TWQ</u>	<u>W3OK</u>	<u>LEVEL</u> <u>W3UQV</u>	<u>CW</u> <u>W3WNC</u>
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		<u>W3YJH</u>	<u>W3ZN</u>	
			<u>W3TOZ</u>	

All the above were copied on a Super Six and Super Ceiver with the antenna mounted at the bumper. All of the above reports are accurate 'cepting maybe the last character in the STRONG column - but just wait and see. W3UYI as you may know is interested in model planes - wal seems like the English stole the world record on long distance flight by flying a model over the English Channel. Not to be out done, W3UYI is going to fly a model across Delaware Bay somewhere near Lewes, Delaware and he needs moral support from the gang. He plans to track it in a regular mansized airplane and could use a little ground help - so there by hangs a Tale - any takers? Sounds like fun. --- W3SMA was last heard heading down stream to pick up another boat. He is a river boat Pilot you know.--- W3WNC is building a lamp from the big bottle he received from one of the characters at the Annual Banquet. --- W3OK and W3UQV worked over the DVRC By Laws got them in good shape and now have them in form - they were voted upon with practically no wrangling - a record for this type of penmanship. --- The club would like to go on record as being a free. on each band about which the members can coagulate. They are as follows: 75 - 3815, 40 - 7240, 20 - 14245, 10 - Chan. 1 29493.2 and Chan. 2 29624, 6 - 50.7, 2 - 147.78. The idea being to look over these freqs. when operating other bands. --- Ed has some of the makings for the wireless acoustical phone patch page 64 Radio and Television News Dec. 1951. Does anyone want to make a model so our Tech Editor W3HYU can write it up? Seems like a very fine idea without the usual problem with the telephone company. Tis worth a try anyhow. --- W3PNR disappeared over the horizon when he got married - what happened?? The riggin' on top of the car came down for sure - that just had to go. --- W3ERP got a BW5100 a month ago and still hasn't put any power to it. Must be he is running a fever 'er something. --- ED can't figure out how a copy of CQ started coming his way without the usual wherewithall to back it up - if any of you boys want to borrow same at any time - we will have it on file. --- Sure would be tough if we had to put each one of these bits o thought into a titled column like some papers do. You all would die a columnized death. The staff was counting up the number of sheets that have been put thru our printing machine since it went into operation about one year ago. Something like 10,800 sheets have been racked up in the last year and about 45,600 sheets since the blurb began - thats a lot of wall paper in any mans language. How would you like to crank that machine over 14,600 times a year ---and you will see why Bob is developing such muscle and is about to loose his happy home. Pitch in and help him fellers, any way you can. Needless to say the machine is again in need of repair after having once given up the ghost at RCA - tis no wonder. We tried to run some \$20 bills in it one nite but it woulan't do the job so we are going to have to fix it up. ---Every cloud has a silver lining they say - the blurb is late this month and we just received a very fine letter in our fan mail which is such interest to us all - we wish to take the liberty to copy verbatim.

From - THE MEDWAY AMATEUR RECEIVING AND TRANSMITTING SOCIETY - Station Call G2FJA
"You have over the last many months consistantly sent to us the copies of your TVI Retreat scandal sheet.-- We feel therefore that it behoves us at this festive time of year to drop you a line or two expressing our thanks for the copies which you have sent.-- You will no doubt be pleased to know that we have unashamedly picked your brains, in that we have tried out several of your Wobbley Hobby ideas, and at our next meeting we propose to hold a Sale of equipment on the lines of those you arrange where the Club benefits to the extent of Ten Percent of the Lolly.-- Strangely enough, we have not used this system in the past, since we have been operating a very profitable system whereby the equipment is presented to the Club, and when sold the Club took all of the money. (No wonder the Club's Bank account is so large.)-- We see that you are a Club of some 100 members, and that you restrict membership to that number. We do not aspire to quite such a large membership, but we do pride ourselves that the fifty odd members we have do keep pretty active over Club Activities. You will see from the Heading of this letter, that we have been founded since 1929, without a break at all, and with fortnightly meetings, we must have talked an awful lot of hot air, and in the process drunk an awful lot of Beer. (Club Headquarters are situated over a flourishing Public House, or Beer Cellar.)-- If you do feel able to answer this letter, pernaps you would clarify a small point which has always puzzled our members on your TVI Retreat. Month after month, you have the Heading "Refreshments- Prizes donated by Almo and Resco". Now this bare statement intrigues us, and we wonder just what it means. Can do??-- I have left this letter far too late to reach you by Christmas, but all members of this Society would like to send you all the compliments of the season.-- Yours sincerely, D. H. Brett Hon. Sec.
14 Connaught Road, Chatham
England

ED received quite a charge from the above 'specially about the brainpicking - the Lolly no doubt is a pot - we never have been able to remember how long a fortnight is - here we are measuring our progress in number of sheets printed - would be curious to know if they are able to measure their progress in glasses of beer - 50 members, 5 glasses per each per nite (ED's capacity), for 25 years. (Now if ED knew what a fortnite was he could put it all together and arrive at a meritorious figure of "beer" progress for the Medway Amateur Receiving and Transmitting Society). It's a lot of glug any way you look at it. PLRC could take a lesson in their profitable Sale of Equipment.--- We detect (almost but not quite) a complaint that their treasury is too large. Hi. To answer the Hon Sec. we are almost ashamed to say our Refreshments consist of soft drinks, coffee and doughnuts which is paid for thru donations by the members. The Prize donations are \$5.00 certificates for merchandise from the leading Radio Stores in the city which are given away in a raffle (lottery) - proceeds to the club treasury.--- This interesting letter from our associates in crime joggles our thot a bit - would be fine if we could work single channel operation with the MARTS on the high end of the 10 meter band - needless to say it would be a very hot spot wherever it happened to be. It would be lots of fun in any case. Lets work on that one a little bit when conditions are rite. We frankly do not see how the G boys can make any sense out of this rag - some of our own formal publications are afraid to lift any information from this blurb because they can't tell when fact stops and baloney starts - ED has to admit he has trouble himself. If you boys of the MARTS will be patient and file this blurb away - some day we will either send a dictionary or an interpreter over to you to enable a translation. Seriously tho, we do appreciate your letter fellows and hope you get some fun out of the antics of our club. Should you ever have the opportunity to visit us, we will guarantee you a fine time. The best of the NEW YEAR from our group to yers. If you know of any clubs over your way who would like to receive this blurb, we will be most happy to send it. In line with staff policy - any club

...shing a complementary mailing needs only to ask.--- Our last comment - lets promote our secretary to Honorable Secretary even tho we know. It might make him feel better.--- W3CUB's bridge playing is awful. Letter to the ED. I want to say a big thank you to all the members of the club for the lovely sweater and rae. It was a very pleasant surprise. However, the delegation, led by ED himself, who popped in with the gifts was the nicest gesture anyone could have received. There were very busy business men in the group and very busy Daday Clauses and to them I say a very humble thank you. Wouldn't you know you would drop in just when I had taken the bull by the horns so to speak and started to paint the livingroom. (How embarrassed can you get?) Well you weren't shocked anymore than poor Mr. IW when he popped in from work. The paint is dry now so you are always welcome to drop in anytime. Thank you again.-El.

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